

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The North County is geographically separated from transit services provided by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the greater Los Angeles area. While Metrolink service is provided between the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley, it is not consistently available. The County has worked with the Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Santa Clarita Transit, and Metrolink to provide bus service between the two valleys to provide consistent connectivity between the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley where patrons can make further connections to the Los Angeles basin.

The County is a member of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), which is a Joint Powers Authority including the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. As a member of this JPA, the County of Los Angeles seeks to implement this Antelope Valley –Santa Clarita Valley (AV-SCV) connector bus service through AVTA. The County will provide operating, capital, and marketing funds for this two-year pilot bus service.

The demonstration AV-SCV bus service will commence on July 16, 2012, and continue to June 30, 2014. The bus service will operate between the Palmdale Transportation Center and the Newhall Metrolink Station with a stop at the Vincent Grade-Acton Metrolink Station. This service will complete connections between the Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley when Metrolink does not operate. The fare will be coordinated to be consistent with fares required by AVTA, Santa Clarita Transit, and Metrolink.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the express bus service is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code 21080(b)(10);
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with AVTA to provide the express bus service;
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to reimburse Metrolink \$10,000 for marketing; and
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to finance the pilot bus services in the amount currently estimated at \$1,100,000 with Measure R Local Return funds; financing for the initial phase of the pilot bus service currently estimated at \$100,000 is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Measure R Local Return Budget; \$500,000 is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2012-13 Measure R Local Return Budget; and \$500,000 will be included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Measure R Local Return Budget.

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